THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two project proposals for providing fluoride free water to cover 41 fluoride affected habitations in Kunavaram and Nagiliugonda areas in Khammam District were submitted by the State Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 537.00 lakh as per details given below:

	Pop. 1991	Est. Cost. (Rs. in lakh)
(i) Providing safe drinking water to 30 habitations in Kunavaram area of Khammam District.	19,000	239.00
(ii) Providing safe drinking water to 11 habitations in Nagiligonda area of Khammam Dist.	33,000	298.00
	52,000	537.00

(d) No, Sir. The two projects at a cost of Rs. 487.80 lakhs with Kunavaram project at Rs. 205.40 lakh and Nagiligonda at Rs. 282.40 lakh have already been approved.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Waiting list for LPG agencies in Manipur

732. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications in the waiting list for LPG agencies in Manipur;

(b) the number of LPG agencies allotted and the number of LPG agencies yet to be allotted;

(c) the number of consumers, districtwise;

(d) the number of waiting list of LPG consumers, districtwise; and

(e) by when the waiting list would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As on 1.10.1996, 17 LPG distributorships were in operation in Manipur. In the Marketing Plan 1994-96 and draft LPG Marketing Plan 1996-97, 7 locations have been earmarked for Manipur. Two LPG distributorships one each at Tamenlong and senapati have been advertised, selection for which have not yet been made by the Selection Authority. 15 applications have been received for these two locations.

(c) and (d) The districtwise customer population and waiting list for LPG connection are given below:

District	No. of customer	Waiting list for new connections.
Chura chandpur	6641 34585	408 5385
Imphal	7097	—
Bishenpur	6568	—
Thoubal	6868	—
Ukhrul Senapati	500	22

(e) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributor and their viability. Efforts are however constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible. No time limit can be fixed for release of connections to all waitlisted persons. However, with the increase in availability of LPG in the country, the waiting list may be cleared by the turn of the century.